



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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## JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2011

Approved  
9/28/2011  
JPP

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI/OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Stephen Simon, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Kyle Baker	Joe Acosta	Elizabeth Escobedo	Jane Nachazel
Carla Bailey	Whitney Engeran-Cordova	Miki Jackson		Craig Vincent-Jones
Aaron Fox	Kathy Watt	Brandee Orr		
Lee Kochems		Doris Wahl		
Elizabeth Mendia		Jason Wise		

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Simon called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION #1:** Approve the Agenda Order (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**MOTION #2:** Approve the 6/22/2011 Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** Mr. Acosta, Desert AIDS Project, complimented the Commission on its professionalism.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **PUBLIC/COMMITTEE COMMENT FOLLOW-UP, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
7. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
  - A. **Co-Chair Elections:** Mr. Vincent-Jones noted JPP has had an agreement with the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) for four years to include PPC members as voting members of JPP. As Co-Chair, Mr. Fox will also be assigned to the Commission's Executive Committee.  
**MOTION #3: (Simon/Bailey)** Elect Aaron Fox Co-Chair and forward both the assignment to the Executive Committee to the Board of Supervisors for appointment (*Passed by Consensus*).
8. **STATE POLICY:**
  - Mr. Simon reported Governor Brown vetoed AB 96 (Blumenfield), Adult Day Health Care (ADHC), as he thought it created a new look-alike program. It would have established Keeping Adults Free from Institutions (KAFI) under the Medicaid Waiver to transition adults from ADHC, which is being phased out as a Medi-Cal benefit option.
  - He signed SB 91 which will allow ADHC centers to operate as fee-for-service after the benefit option expires.
  - Mr. Fox said the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has announced it will not stop funding ADHC until 12/1/2011 to allow for a transition, which is as yet undefined. It is not feasible for centers to operate as fee-for-service.
  - Mr. Simon reported AB 604 (Skinner), Syringe Exchange, and SB 41 (Yee), Hypodermic Needles and Syringes, have both passed their respective Appropriations Committees. Both appear likely to pass out of their houses and to be signed.
  - ➡ Mr. Fox will follow-up with the Association of Adult Day Health Care Centers which is working on ADHC transition plans.

- ➡ Mr. Vincent-Jones will update the docket for the 8/11/2011 Commission meeting.
- ➡ Mr. Fox provides the docket to the PPC's External Relations Subcommittee.

**9. BUDGET POLICY:**

- Mr. Fox reported several national organizations asked people to contact Congress to preserve funding for Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and HIV programs. Response has been strong. He added California has taken out bank loans rather than issuing Treasury bonds to ensure continued funding for State programs in the event of Federal default.
- Mr. Kochems reported the California Redistricting Commission has released the final draft of its maps. The deadline for public comments was 7/27/2011 or 7/28/2011. New districts might alter prospects for HIV-friendly representatives.

**10. HEALTH CARE REFORM/1115 WAIVER:**

**A. Low Income Health Programs (LIHPs):**

- Mr. Fox reported there have been three conference calls convened by the State Office of AIDS (OA) in coordination with DHCS and Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). Calls confirmed that the Feds will not allow a PLWH carve-out. The State, however, is reconsidering pursuit of an HIV-specific 1115 Waiver to allow non-disabled low income PLWH to enter full Medi-Cal before 2014 instead of LIHPs, but the length of the process may undercut feasibility.
- Dr. Michelle Roland, Chief, OA, confirmed on the last call that ADAP screening will be used to identify those eligible for LIHP much as ADAP requires a determination of Medi-Cal eligibility. It is not known if this would be done by enrollment date or all at once. Mr. Vincent-Jones said this is a major Los Angeles County issue as financial estimates assumed medications through ADAP. The County is considering multiple approaches.
- He noted Federal partners are responding to virtually every option with "no." They appear either to not understand the impact on local jurisdictions or wish to shift accountability to local areas. Mr. Fox added the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC) has asked Herb Schultz, Director, Region IX, Health and Human Services (HHS) to address the issues with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and HRSA to help.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones said he has been asked what consumers can do. Conversations are at such a technical level that general mobilization would not be helpful. Commission energy is focused on best use of available resources.
- ➡ Mr. Fox will follow-up with Governor Brown's new health aid, Lark Park, and Eric Bauman, Senior Advisor to the Speaker, Office of Assembly Speaker John Pérez.

**11. RYAN WHITE REAUTHORIZATION:**

- Mr. Simon said the Task Force has been reviewing Principles developed for the last Reauthorization to address the likely major restructuring of RW going into the future. For example, one area of discussion is to allow use of RW funds to incentivize jurisdictions in meeting National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) goals.
- ➡ The next meeting will be 8/24/2011, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, to review the draft narrative. The JPP meeting is cancelled.

**12. NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY:** Mr. Fox said the San Francisco AIDS Coalition is spearheading a statewide strategy.

**13. PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES:**

- Mr. Vincent-Jones said health care reform briefs were planned for consumers and possibly on the LIHPs though the latter subject is changing so quickly that it may not be relevant. There was also discussion about a brief for providers, but they are already receiving so much input from a variety of sources that it was likely to be redundant.
- The Consumer Caucus is planning a policy brief on primary versus specialty care. Kathleen Clanon assist the Caucus review the subject at their meeting on 8/4/2011.

**14. COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS:**

**A. CA Center for HIV/AIDS Policy Research:**

- Mr. Wise reported the last meeting was 7/12/2011 and included new member David Brinkman, Desert AIDS Project, as well as guests including Al Ballesteros and a representative from Fresno.
- There was a long discussion on health reform issues as well as discussions on PrEP and a potential statewide strategy.

- UCLA is working on a Medi-Cal/Medicaid/Medicare project to study access for PLWH, including such indicators as geography, distance to provider, funding resources, migration to different systems of care and generalists versus specialists as they affect quality of care based on the number of annual visits, mortality and access to medications.
- UCLA and UCSF are working on a rapid response project addressing effects of health care reform, RW Reauthorization and proposed cost-sharing for ADAP on such issues as the undocumented, county costs and transmission rates.
- UCSF has begun work on a medical homes rapid response project with various clinics around the State. The first two-day event included Rand Schrader Clinic, USC and St. Mary's to explore how medical homes are organized, work flow and best practices to ensure proper care for PLWH within systems. The project includes patient and provider surveys.
- A separate project is studying cost benefits in health care reform of PCIP enrollment.
- UCSF is also doing PrEP research with providers to identify concerns and how clients are identified. Most providers report they are not giving PrEP to clients nor are clients asking for it. Mr. Fox noted there have been reports of clients requesting PrEP in San Francisco and Chicago, but there is no firm data. Some health insurance companies are covering it though they may not be aware that the prescription is for prevention rather than treatment.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones has suggested UCSF study the impact of RW "last resort" funding. They appeared interested and he sent a pertinent RW Reauthorization Principles section, but has not heard back. It would be helpful for the Task Force.
- He also asked about CHIPTS' data research on the undocumented. It will be stronger for development of the new RW Reauthorization Principles than UCSF's qualitative research on the issue.
- Mr. Fox noted CHIRP had been concerned it might not receive funding, but that has been resolved.
- ➡ Mr. Wise will follow-up for Mr. Vincent-Jones on whether UCSF will do research on the designation of RW as "last resort" funding and, if so, when it might be done, as well as when CHIPTS' data on the undocumented will be ready.

**15. COMMITTEE OPERATIONS:** This item was postponed.

**16. WORK PLAN REVIEW:** This item was postponed.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Mr. Wise announced AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) is hosting a health care reform "HIV Matters" consumer education event with Mr. Schultz, HHS, and Julie Cross, OAPP, on the evening of 8/10/2011 at the Village. He will email flyers to the JPP contact list for distribution. Posters are also available.
- Ms. Bailey said the California Research Alliance will honor HIV pioneers including Dr. Michael Gottlieb and Dr. Wilbert Jordan on 10/13/2011.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.